

BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

**IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST)
POLICE OFFICER WILLIAM HRONOPoulos,) No. 09 PB 2713
STAR No. 9785, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,)
CITY OF CHICAGO,)
RESPONDENT) (CR No. 309819)**

FINDINGS

On May 11, 2009, the Superintendent of Police filed with the Police Board of the City of Chicago charges against Police Officer William Hronopoulos, Star No. 9785 (hereinafter sometimes referred to as “Respondent”), recommending that the Respondent be discharged from the Chicago Police Department for violating the following Rules of Conduct:

- Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance.
- Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department.
- Rule 4: Any action or conduct taken to use the official position for personal gain or influence.
- Rule 6: Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral.
- Rule 21: Failure to report promptly to the Department any information concerning any crime or other unlawful action.
- Rule 22: Failure to report to the Department any violation of Rules and Regulations or any other improper conduct which is contrary to the policy, orders or directives of the Department.

The Police Board caused a hearing on these charges against Police Officer William Hronopoulos to be had before Thomas E. Johnson, Hearing Officer of the Police Board, on September 10 and September 16, 2009.

Following the hearing, the members of the Police Board read and reviewed the record of proceedings and viewed the video-recording of the testimony of the witnesses. Hearing Officer Johnson made an oral report to and conferred with the Police Board before it rendered a decision.

The Police Board of the City of Chicago, as a result of its hearing of the charges, finds and determines that:

1. The Respondent was at all times mentioned herein employed as a police officer by the Department of Police of the City of Chicago.
2. The charges were filed in writing and a Notice, stating the time, date, and place, when and where a hearing of the charges was to be held, together with a copy of the original charges, were served upon the Respondent more than five (5) days prior to the hearing on the charges.
3. Throughout the hearing of the charges the Respondent appeared in person and was represented by legal counsel.
4. The Respondent, Police Officer William Hronopoulos, Star No. 9785, charged herein, is **not guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance,

in that:

Count I: The Superintendent did not prove by a preponderance of the evidence that on or about December 23 and/or 24, 2004, at or near 240 East 108th Street, Chicago, the Respondent was involved in theft of property, when he knowingly obtained and/or exerted unauthorized control over property of the owner, namely, a Toshiba laptop computer, in violation of Chapter 720 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, Section 5/16-1.

5. The Respondent, Police Officer William Hronopoulos, Star No. 9785, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance,

in that:

Count II: From on or about December 23 until on or about December 25, 2004, or for some period of time therein, he knowingly and without the authorization of the owner and/or in excess of the authority granted to him, accessed or caused to be accessed a computer or any part thereof, or a program or data, namely, of a Toshiba laptop computer, in violation of Chapter 720 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, Section 5/16(D)-3(a)

6. The Respondent, Police Officer William Hronopoulos, Star No. 9785, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department,

in that:

Count I: On or about December 23 and/or 24, 2004, at or near 240 East 108th Street, Chicago, he took possession of a Toshiba laptop computer without authorization, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

Count II: On or about December 23, 2004, at or near 240 East 108th Street, Chicago, he failed to properly inventory a Toshiba laptop computer belonging to Brint White, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

Count III: From on or about December 23 until on or about December 25, 2004, or for some period of time therein, he attempted to view data on a Toshiba laptop computer belonging to Brint White without consent and/or without a search warrant, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

7. The Respondent, Police Officer William Hronopoulos, Star No. 9785, charged herein, is **not guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department,

in that:

Count IV: The Superintendent did not prove by a preponderance of the evidence that in or before April 2005, the Respondent had knowledge that another Department member, Corey Flagg, took without authorization one or more watches during a search warrant executed on Sheridan Road, Chicago, and the Respondent failed to notify a supervisor of the theft, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

Count V: The Superintendent did not prove by a preponderance of the evidence that in or before April 2005, the Respondent had knowledge that another Department member, Corey Flagg, took without authorization one or more watches during a search warrant executed on Sheridan Road, Chicago, and the Respondent attempted to assist Flagg with determining the value of the stolen watch(es) by searching the internet and/or taking the watch(es) to Jeweler's Row to have the watch(es) appraised, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department

8. The Respondent, Police Officer William Hronopoulos, Star No. 9785, charged herein, is **not guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 4: Any action or conduct taken to use the official position for personal gain or influence,

in that:

The Superintendent did not prove by a preponderance of the evidence that on or about December 23, 2004, in Chicago, the Respondent used his official position for personal gain or influence when he took unauthorized possession of a laptop computer, the personal property of an arrestee, Brint White.

9. The Respondent, Police Officer William Hronopoulos, Star No. 9785, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 6: Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral,

in that:

Count I: On or about December 23, 2004, he failed to follow proper procedures for inventorying recovered property by taking into his personal possession and/or removing a recovered Toshiba laptop computer, in violation of General Order 81-01, thereby disobeying an order or directive, whether written or oral.

Count II: From on or about December 23 until on or about December 25, 2004, or for some period of time therein, he attempted to view data on a Toshiba laptop computer belonging to Brint White without consent and/or without a search warrant, in violation of General Order 81-01-01, thereby disobeying an order or directive, whether written or oral.

10. The Respondent, Police Officer William Hronopoulos, Star No. 9785, charged herein, is **not guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 21: Failure to report promptly to the Department any information concerning any crime or other unlawful action,

in that:

The Superintendent did not prove by a preponderance of the evidence that in or before April 2005, the Respondent had knowledge that another Department member, Corey Flagg, took without authorization one or more watches during a search warrant executed on Sheridan Road, Chicago, and the Respondent failed to notify a supervisor of the theft, thus failing to report promptly to the Department any information concerning any crime or other unlawful action.

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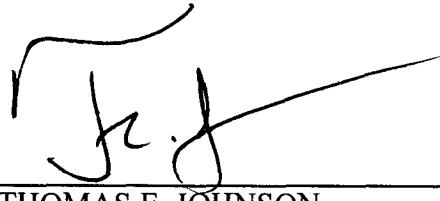
Rule 22: Failure to report to the Department any violation of Rules and Regulations or any other improper conduct which is contrary to the policy, orders or directives of the Department,

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The Superintendent did not prove by a preponderance of the evidence that in or before April 2005, the Respondent had knowledge that Police Officer Corey Flagg took without authorization one or more watches during the execution of a search warrant on Sheridan Road, Chicago, and the Respondent failed to notify a supervisor of the theft, thereby failing to report to the Department any violation of Rules and Regulations or any other improper conduct which is contrary to the policy, orders or directives of the Department.

By reason of the findings of fact and guilt set forth herein, cause exists for the suspension of the Respondent, Police Officer William Hronopoulos, Star No. 9785, from his position as a police officer with the Department of Police, and from the services of the City of Chicago, for a period of thirty (30) days, from May 13, 2009, to and including June 11, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,



THOMAS E. JOHNSON
Hearing Officer

DECISION

The Police Board of the City of Chicago, having read and reviewed the record of proceedings in this case, having viewed the video-recording of the testimony of the witnesses, having viewed the video-recording of the hearing, having received the oral report of the Hearing Officer, Thomas E. Johnson, and having conferred with the Hearing Officer on the credibility of the witnesses and the evidence, hereby adopts all findings herein; and, in reaching its decision as to the penalty imposed, the Board has taken into account not only the facts of this case but also the Respondent's complimentary and disciplinary histories, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent, Police Officer William Hronopoulos, Star No. 9785, as a result of having been found **guilty** of charges in Police Board Case No. 09 PB 2713, be and hereby is **suspended** from his position as a police officer with the Department of Police, and from the services of the City of Chicago, for a period from 13 May 2009 to and including 11 June 2009 (thirty days).

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 15th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2009.

Steve Davis
Patricia C. Bass
Jeffrey S. G
Willie G. G
James L. Miller
John J. M

Attested by:

Mark A. Capra

Executive Director
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Henry L. Miller
John J. M.
Debra P. Johnson

Attested by:

Max A. Casner
Executive Director
Police Board

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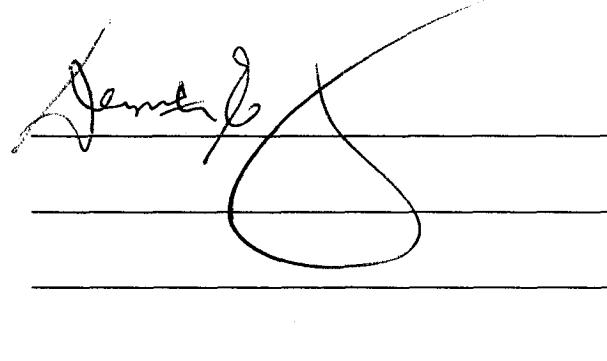
Attested by:

Mark Casper
Executive Director
Police Board

DISSENT

The following members of the Police Board hereby dissent from the decision of the majority of the Board.

President Carney voted to impose a 180-day suspension.

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THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2009.

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE

Chicago Police Department

Personnel Division



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Complimentary History

Name	Title	Star	Unit	Detail Unit	Emp Number
HRONOPoulos, WILLIAM	9161	9785	004	167	57336

Achievements

	Total No.
OTHER AWARDS	3
SUPERINTENDENT AWARD OF VALOR	1
HONORABLE MENTION	61
DEPARTMENT COMMENDATION	2
COMPLIMENTARY LETTER	7
UNIT MERITORIOUS PERFORMANCE AWARD	1
LIFE SAVING AWARD	1
PROBLEM SOLVING AWARD	1
ALL AWARDS	77

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
RECORDS SECTION

05 JUNE 2008

TO: COMMANDER OFFICER UNIT 121

FROM: RECORDS SECTION
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

SUBJECT: PREVIOUS SUSTAINED DISCIPLINARY HISTORY OF:

HRONOPOUL WILLIAM 9785 167

NAME (LAST,FIRST) STAR UNIT

MALE WHITE 57336

SEX RACE EMPLOYEE#

REFERENCE: COMPLAINT REGISTER/ LOG NUMBER 309819

THE PREVIOUS SUSTAINED DISCIPLINARY HISTORY OF THE SUBJECT
ACCUSED HAS BEEN REQUESTED IN YOUR NAME BY:

P.O. MILLER 19344 121C
RANK NAME STAR EMPLOYEE# UNIT

RELATIVE TO A SUSTAINED FINDING IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE
ABOVE REFERENCE COMPLAINT LOG NUMBER.

THE RECORDS SECTION, INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, DISCLOSED THE
FOLLOWING DISCIPLINARY ACTION ADMINISTERED TO THE SUBJECT
ACCUSED FOR THE PAST FIVE(5) YEARS.

VERIFIED/PREPARED BY:

NONE

SEE ATTACHED 

DEANNA C. MAGSBY
FOR: COMMANDING OFFICER
RECORDS SECTION
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
CL# 309819

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Internal Affairs Division

SPAR HISTORY REPORT (Sustained Findings)

Employee#	Name	Star#	Unit	Position	Sex	Race	Birth Date	Date of Appointment
57336	HRONOPoulos, WILLIAM	9785	004/167	POLICE OFFICER	M	WHITE	26-OCT-1970	13-APR-1998

History : Total No. SPARS: 1

Log #	Incident Date	Completed Date	Disciplinary Action	Transgression Type	Suspension Dates
512917	08-JAN-2008	14-FEB-2008	REPRIMAND	003 - MEDICAL ROLL VIOLATION	

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